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**MUSICAL-INSTRUMENT CONTROLLER WITH TRIAD-FORMING NOTE-TRIGGER CONVERGENCE POINTS**

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

**Preliminary Amendment**

Sir:

This is a preliminary amendment in a divisional application of the above-identified parent application.

Please add the following heading and paragraph after the title and before the heading "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION" on page 1.

**CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This is a divisional of copending U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 10/142,223, filed May 9, 2002, which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.

This change is also indicated separately on the last page of this amendment.

Please cancel claims 11-16, add new Claim 19, and amend the remaining claims as indicated on the following pages.